Your Problems

By Ann Landers

Dear Ann: The woman who signed herself "Just Tired" is, in my humble opinion, "Just Feeling Sorry for Herself." How would she like my schedule?

Get up at 5 a.m. Fix breakfast for two children and two aged parents. Get children ready for school. I work eight hours a day so I must get myself ready for work. During lunch hour I shop for food, see about car trouble, pay bills, do errands for children and parents, arrange for house repairs, lawn care, and eat lunch (sometimes).

Get home at 5.30. Love and pet the children. Listen to their problems. Cook dinner. Do dishes. Bathe children and help them with school work. Do house cleaning, washing and ironing. Tell children a story. Answer questions about God, what time is it in China, do stars fall, and should they play with the little girl who comes to school dirty.

I pray with them, love them, pet them, and tuck them into bed. Visit with parents briefly, and get my clothes ready for the next day. Go to bed exhausted, but prepared to jump up at the sound of a cough or a cry. Crawl out at 5 a.m. ready to start another day.

I'm not complaining. I'm thankful the good Lord has given me the health and strength to do it. I'm signing my letter.—JUST GRATEFUL.

Rich and Rewarding

Dear Grateful: Thanks for a wonderful letter. Your life is demanding, but it's also rich and rewarding. It may be tough to be under the gun every minute of the day, but who ever said a life of ease ever made anyone happy?

I frequently hear from people who have every convenience and comfort, yet they are miserable. Their days are empty and meaningless because no one needs them. They flounder without direction or purpose, constantly battling boredom — and losing the fight. Such people would love to trade places with you. Interested? Neither am I.

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Dear Ann Landers: My husband is one of those people who can always be depended upon to say the wrong thing at the right time. For example, when we made a death call last week he said to the widow, "I was shocked to read in the paper that Albert was only 64. I thought he was much older."

Last fall, when a cousin of his passed on, he said to the young daughter who was to be married in a few months, "Too bad your dad couldn't have lived to see your wedding. It would have been the happiest day of his life." Everyone started to cry all over again and I could have cheerfully gagged him.

I asked why he always said such dumb, uncalled-for things and he claims it's because he's nervous and can't think straight.

Please, Ann, what should a person do when making a call on a family who has lost a loved one? — MR. MALAPROP'S WIFE.

Dear Wife: If you must say something, "I'm terribly sorry" will do, but a pat on the hand or a warm caress has the same meaning. No words are necessary. Your presence says it for you.

Landlady's Nosy

Dear Ann: I live in a very nice rooming house which is convenient to my office and near church. The trouble is the landlay is very nosy. She's always the first one to get to the mailbox and it's amazing how much she can learn by holding an envelope up to the light.

A girl friend says the woman is probably steaming the envelopes open, but I don't think she has time for such stuff.

I can't figure out how she knows so much about my business because she's told things to another roomer that could only have been learned from reading my mail. Can you figure this out? What do you suggest, short of accusing her? —SPIED ON.

Dear Spied On: The snoop is probably getting at your mail after you've opened it and left it on the dresser or in your desk.

If you don't wish to move, lock your mail in a dresser, get a post-office box, or ask your friends to write to you at the office.

Radiant Bride at Church Door

A radiant spring bride is Miss Victoria of 1957, Miss Sue Pearson, as she steps to the door of St. Aidan's Church with her father's assistance. —(Colonist photo)

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Patrick-Pearson Wedding

Sue's 'Something Old' Grandmother's Ring

Wearing as "something old," the wedding ring worn by her late grandmother, Miss Sylvia Gayle (Sue) Pearson yesterday afternoon became the wife of PO John Patrick, USN of Vallejo, Calif.

The ceremony was performed at St. Aidan's United Church by Rev. T. G. Griffiths.

Miss Pearson, Miss Victoria of 1957, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Pearson, 1246 Cordova Bay Road, and her groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. A. Manson, 3981 Douglas Street.

For her wedding day, Miss Pearson chose a gown of silk organza in a full-length style with a sweeping train. Appliqued rosettes of French lace accented the edge of a scoop neckline and were repeated in the fullness of the skirt. Her fingertip veil was held in place by a Mary Queen of Scots headdress and she carried a cascade of Talisman roses.

Bridal attendants were the bride's sisters, Mrs. Bob Clark and Miss Joanne Pearson. Both were dressed alike in ice-orange and yellow floral printed sheer over white taffeta gowns with floating panels from the V back to the hem of the skirt and orange-ice cummerbunds to match their headdresses. Their bouquets were Kokomo carnations.

Flower girls, the groom's nieces, Cheryl and Linda Scotney, wore short white organdy dresses over orange-ice taffeta and carried colonial bouquets of Kokomo carnations.

Best man was Mr. Chuck McIssac and ushers were Mr. Bob Clark and Mr. Dick Burton.

At the reception at the bride's home, her uncle, Mr. Doug Pearson, gave the bridal toast.

For her trip to Vallejo, Calif., where the couple will live, Mrs. Patrick wore a fitted navy worsted suit with white accessories and gardenia corsage.

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Thompson-O'Reilly

An evening ceremony in St. John's Anglican Church Saturday united in marriage Miss Diane O'Reilly, daughter of Mrs. D. O'Reilly, Veteran Road, and Mr. R. J. Thompson, son of Mrs. V. Lupkoski, Queens Avenue.

Canon George Biddle officiated. Soloist was Miss Linda Roylance.

Given in marriage by Mr. H. Vallee, the pretty bride chose a full-length gown of glazed cotton brocade with its scalloped neckline trimmed with pearls. A white satin cap trimmed with pearls held her embroidered net veil and she carried red roses, white carnations and fern.

Maid of honor Miss S. Frewing, wore pale blue brocade and carried a bouquet of pink carnations. Bridesmatrons Mrs. R. Thompson and Mrs. P. Walker chose peach crystalline with white carnation bouquets.

Brother of the groom, Mr. R. Thompson, was best man, and ushers were Mr. D. Morris, Mr. R. Hodgkinson and Master G. O'Reilly.

Following a reception at the Golden Slipper, the couple left on a trip to the Okanagan Valley, Mrs. Thompson in a brown cashmere dress with matching topper and beige accessories with a yellow rose corsage.

The members of the St. Matthew's Evening Guild, Langford, will hold a coffee party Wednesday April 22 from 10.30 a.m. to noon in the parish hall. There will be a home-cooking stall.

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The Ladies' Aid Society to the Gorge Presbyterian Church will hold an anniversary luncheon and sale of home cooking on Tuesday, April 21, at 12.30 p.m., in the church hall, Tillicum Road and Walter Street.

Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. John Strelioff, Marcelin, Sask., announce the engagement of their daughter, Margaret, to Mr. David Herbert Beck of Calgary, son of Mrs. Helen E. Beck and Mr. H. H. Beck of Victoria. The marriage will take place in St. James' Anglican Church in Saskatoon, May 9 at 4 p.m.—(Photo by Charmbury, Saskatoon)

Margaret to Visit Horse

Many Offered, One Accepted

ROME (UPI)—Italian blue-bloods have flooded the British embassy with invitations to wine and dine Princess Margaret during her visit here this week, but thus far she has agreed only to visit a racehorse.

Margaret, 28, turned down an invitation to visit the Rome palace of Count Ranier de Campello, close friend of her ex-boy friend, Peter Townsend, but she did accept that of Marquis Incisa to visit his stables to see the great racehorse Ribot.

The embassy said Queen Elizabeth, who arrives with the princess Monday for a six-day visit, would accompany Margaret to the estate of the Marquis on the northern outskirts of Rome.

Margaret and her mother also will have an audience with Pope John XXIII this week and unveil a memorial to the British poet Lord Byron.

The princess will sandwich in one night on the town when she takes over one of Rome's plushiest nightclubs, the Cabala, for a party Wednesday night.

More than 100 guests, including Margaret's old chum, Judy Montague, were invited to the party, which could turn out to be an all-night affair.

Italian newspapers have already begun to unroll the usual rumors that greet visiting dignitaries.

The newspaper Gazetta del Populo of Turin said Margaret will pick up a flock of summer frocks from one Italian dressmaker during her visit.

It said the dressmaker "some time ago prepared a wedding gown for Margaret. But this time the princess will probably take it home with her."

Island Newspaperwomen Meet at Port Alberni

Mrs. Margaret Trebett of the Twin City Times, Port Alberni, recently arranged for the members of the Vancouver Island branch of the Canadian Women's Press Club to spend the day in Port Alberni, scene of their April meeting.

The meeting was held in the Barclay Hotel with Mrs. Nona Damaske, vice-president, in the chair.

Two new members are Mrs. Grace Horgan of Sooke and Mrs. Pat Dufour of Victoria.

The group toured the Times and was received by Mr. E. F. Duncan, publisher of the paper, and Mrs. Duncan.

Guest speaker at dinner was Mrs. Agnes Flett, free lance photographer from Duncan.

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Deformed Babies

'Hot' Rock Suspected

ALBANY, N.Y. (UPI) — Three years of research by a young physician has uncovered a relationship between naturally radioactive rock and the birth of malformed babies.

State health commissioner Dr. Herman E. Hilleboe's report on the research said the "detective" in the case was Dr. John T. Gentry, 37, the health department's regional director in Syracuse, N.Y.

The study of malformations at birth correlated with natural radioactivity covered New York State outside of New York City.

"Available geological data indicates a correlation between areas with high malformation rates and geographical locations containing natural materials with relatively high concentrations of radioactive elements," a report issued by Dr. Gentry said.

Dr. Hilleboe said he was releasing the report even though he assumed it would cause a great amount of concern, because "I don't believe we should stand in the way of science by holding it back."

He said the malformations show up in the form of cleft lips, cleft palate, mental retardation, blue babies, deformed limbs and joints, missing bones and missing limbs.

Stressing that the report was preliminary and that there was "insufficient evidence for changing the living habits or moving," Dr. Hilleboe said he hoped other states and countries would undertake similar studies.

A higher malformation rate occurred in townships located in areas with igneous bedrock outcrops with higher levels of radioactivity. The average uranium content in these areas ranged between .003 and .004 per cent, compared with .001 per cent of uranium in adjacent areas without igneous rock.

Diocesan Board Confers Honorary Memberships

Honorary membership in the Diocesan Board of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Anglican Church was conferred on Lady Lake, Mrs. Claude Gardiner and Mrs. W. R. Ashfield at the board's recent meeting.

Named as honorary vice-presidents were Mrs. C. Schofield, Mrs. J. Brimer and Mrs. R. O. Taylor.

The president, Mrs. B. P. Harding, announced that an investments committee has been organized, composed of the following: Archbishop Harold Sexton, Mr. R. Phipps, Mr. C. Parrott, Mr. F. W. Harvey, Mrs. F. A. Goodwin and the treasurer of the Caroline Macklen Home board of directors.

Mrs. Glen Hamilton of the Family Welfare Council, guest speaker at the meeting, made a plea to the members to take back to their branches the urgent need for foster homes for disturbed children from 12 years on.

THIS SPRING WEATHER

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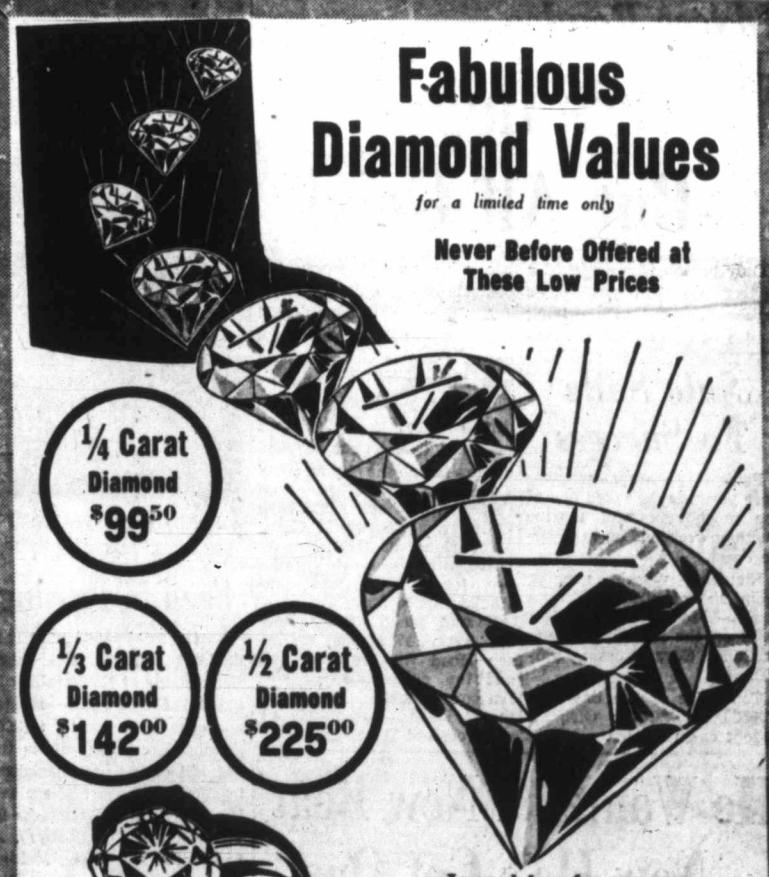

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